

**Table 3-4. Comparison of Federal Benefits to Poverty Guidelines for Eligible Couples Receiving SSI, Selected Years 1980-2012**

Poverty Guidelines And Benefits	1980	1984	1988	1992	1996	2000	2004	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Poverty Guidelines <sup>1</sup>	\$5,010	6,720	7,730	9,190	10,360	11,250	12,490	13,200	13,690	14,000	14,570	14,570	14,710	15,130
Federal SSI Benefits:														
Dollars Per Year <sup>2</sup>	\$4,016	5,664	6,384	7,596	8,460	9,228	10,152	10,848	11,220	11,472	12,132	12,132	12,132	12,576
Percent of Poverty	80.2	84.3	82.6	82.7	81.7	82.0	81.1	82.2	82.0	81.9	83.3	83.3	82.5	83.1

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Poverty guidelines for a family of two in 48 contiguous states as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

<sup>2</sup> Equals the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) for a couple living in their own household multiplied by 12 months.

Sources: Table prepared by CRS with Poverty Guideline data from the Department of Health and Human Services, available online at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/figures-fed-reg.shtml> and FBR data from the *SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2011*, Table 1 available online at [http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi\\_asr/2011/sect01.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_asr/2011/sect01.html). This table was updated on September 14, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.